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## **Governor Jan Brewer Announces Appointment Of Robert Brutinel to the Arizona Supreme Court**

Phoenix – Arizona Governor Jan Brewer today announced the appointment of Robert Brutinel to the Arizona Supreme Court.

"It is my privilege to appoint long-time Prescott attorney and judge, Robert Brutinel, to serve as the newest Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court," stated Governor Brewer. "Judge Brutinel has served on the Yavapai County Superior Court with distinction and is known as a man of high honor and integrity. He will make an excellent addition to our already outstanding Supreme Court."

Robert Brutinel is the Presiding Judge of the Yavapai County Superior Court. He was appointed to the Yavapai County Superior Court by Governor Fife Symington in 1996 to fill a vacancy, and was then elected to four subsequent terms by the voters of Yavapai County. He graduated from Arizona State University with a Bachelors Degree in Economics in 1979, and received his law degree from the University of Arizona College of Law in 1982. He was admitted to practice law in Arizona in 1982.

Judge Brutinel has presided over cases involving civil, criminal, juvenile, mental health, drug courts, probate and domestic relations matters. He currently handles juvenile dependency, delinquency, severance and adoption cases. Prior to serving as a judge he practiced law in Prescott focusing on Indian law and business and real estate matters. He is the past-president of the Arizona Judges Association and the Yavapai County Bar Association. He served nine years on the Commission on Judicial Conduct and has taught numerous seminars for attorneys and judges. He currently serves on the Arizona Judicial Council and served three terms on the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission.

Judge Brutinel is reflective of Governor Brewer's continuing effort to identify and appoint judges who share her philosophy that judges should strictly interpret and apply the laws as written by the Arizona Legislature.

"Judge Brutinel is one of the most distinguished and accomplished jurists in our State," said Governor Brewer. "Although it will be difficult to fill the void left by the retirement of the Honorable Michael Ryan, I am certain Judge Brutinel is up to the challenge and will help the Arizona Supreme Court as it continues to lead the country in judicial excellence."

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